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John F. Kennedy Birthplace Winter Closure October 10, 2005

Brookline, MA- - John Fitzgerald Kennedy National Historic Site, located at 83 Beals Street in Brookline, Massachusetts, will close to visitors for the winter season beginning Monday, October 10, 2005. The site will remain closed to visitors until May, 2006.

John Fitzgerald Kennedy NHS preserves the birthplace (1917) and boyhood home of the 35th President of the United States. The modest house was the first home shared by the president's father and mother, Joseph and Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy. John, the second of their nine children, spent his formative years in Brookline as his family began its rise to national prominence. In 1967 Rose Kennedy returned to 83 Beals Street to commemorate President Kennedy's life, restoring the birthplace to her recollection of its 1917 appearance. Today National Park Service rangers provide tours of this nine- room house museum and its collection of Kennedy family furnishings, photographs, and significant mementos personally collected and arranged by the president's mother. A taped narrative produced by Rose Kennedy in her own words provides a unique and evocative addition to the ranger- guided tour.

The dates of the 2006 visitor season will be announced in late winter. For updated information, contact John F. Kennedy National Historic Site at (617)566- 7937 or visit the park website at www.nps.gov/jofi.

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